[President.]

What the Dewan has said in reply to other matters raised in the Assembly does not bear directly on what is said in regard to this question. Therefore, your question is not strictly in order.

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): ഈ കാര്യത്തെ സംബന്ധിച്ച് ഇതിൽ പറഞ്ഞിരിക്കുന്ന ദിവാൻജിയുടെ അഭിപ്രായത്തെ ഇതേനിലയിൽ വിടുവച്ചാൽ മതിയോ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): ദിവാൻജി അവർകളുടെ ഉദ്ദേശ്യം മറുപടിയിൽ പറഞ്ഞിട്ടുണ്ട്. അതിൽ കൂടുതലായി എനിക്ക് ഒന്നും പറയാനില്ല.

Period of Dryage of Salt.

19. **MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI** (*Tovala*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether there is any fixed period for the salt stored to get dried before which it should not be sold, and if so, whether this was observed in the case of all the licensees during the last sale season?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The member is referred to the answer given to question No. 18 by Mr. T. Kumara Pillai.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): May I know whether they have obtained expert opinion with reference to the period of dryage of salt?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): In view of the nature of the answer given, may I know whether the Government propose to obtain such expert opinion on the matter?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): If expert opinion has already been obtained, it may not be necessary to obtain it again. So, for this question also, I claim notice.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): Are the Government aware that dryage of salt has got to be scrupulously cared for before salt is sold out for consumption?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The member does not seek any information. He is giving information.

Action taken by the Excise Commissioner and the Chief Engineer in connection with the Floods in Tamaracolam Salt Factory.

20. **MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI** (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): (*a*) (i) On what day of Tulam 1101 was there flood in the Tamaracolam Salt Factory? When did the Excise Commissioner get information of this fact?

(ii) When did he visit the Tamaracolam Salt Factory?

(iii) How long did he stay there?

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